THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Saturday, the 13th November 1965.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Revised syllabus for Secondary Schools

* 216 *Q.*—SRI N. V. NATARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to modify the syllabus of Secondary Schools; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The revised syllabus for Standards VI to IX (six to nine) has been published. It has been decided to introduce one elective in the syllabus for Standards X and XI.

Stipendiary B.T. Assistants in Madurai District Board High Schools

* 217 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the stipendiary B.T. Assistants serving in the Madurai District Board High Schools regarding the fixation of their salary; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The request was not complied with, since better scale of pay was introduced with effect from 1st June 1960.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Is it not a fact that other B.T. Assistants in the same District Board were started on Rs. 90 whereas the stipendiary B.T. Assistants were only given Rs. 75 and they had to lose about Rs. 15 per mensem for about three years?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The old scale of pay was Rs. 80—5—125—10—175. It has been raised to Rs. 140—5—180—10—250. That is the present scale.

Non-teaching staff in Secondary Schools of Madurai district

* 218 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to Legislative Council Question No. 102 on 11th August 1965

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whether the Government have taken any decision on the representation made by the non-teaching staff in Secondary Schools of Madurai district as regards revision of pay scales and service conditions?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The matter is still under consideration.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: The representation was given long ago. Will the Hon. Minister at least tell us whether the important representations were considered?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: It means financial commitment and so it takes some time. It is easy to say 'No', but Government are considering it.

Library donated by the President of India at Tiruthani

* 219 Q.—SRI N. V. NATARAJAN: (on behalf of Dr. T. V. Sivanandam): Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Library donated by the President of India at Tiruthani was damaged during anti-Hindi agitation;

(b) if so, the extent of damage caused to the Library;

(c) the steps taken by the Government against those who caused the damages; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to repair the damages?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) Yes.

(b) a few almirahs, several books, an ornamental glass and two marble tablets were damaged. The damage has been estimated at Rs. 8,000.

(c) Those who had committed the mischief were prosecuted. They were convicted by the Sub-divisional Magistrate, Poonamalee, and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for three months.

(d) The damages have been repaired by Sri Subramanyaswami Devasthanam, Tiruthani.

Labourers employed in the Textile Mills of Coimbatore district.

* 220 Q.—DR. H. V. HANDE (on behalf of Dr. T. V. Sivanandam): Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of labourers employed in the textile mills in Coimbatore district;

(b) the total number of labourers thrown out of job from the textile mills on account of accumulated yarn stocks in the mills in Coimbatore district; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to rehabilitate these temporarily displaced textile workers?